

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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<b>Inventory No:</b>	EAS.27
<b>Historic Name:</b>	Dill, Freeman House
<b>Common Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	2170 State Hwy
<b>City/Town:</b>	Eastham
<b>Village/Neighborhood:</b>	Eastham Center
<b>Local No:</b>	15-100
<b>Year Constructed:</b>	
<b>Architect(s):</b>	
<b>Architectural Style(s):</b>	Greek Revival
<b>Use(s):</b>	Multiple Family Dwelling House; Single Family Dwelling House
<b>Significance:</b>	Architecture
<b>Area(s):</b>	
<b>Designation(s):</b>	
<b>Building Materials(s):</b>	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Wood Clapboard; Wood Shingle; Wood Foundation: Brick



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Neighborhood or village)

2170 State Highway

Name

Present

Residential

Original

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Construction

1842

See Bibliography\*

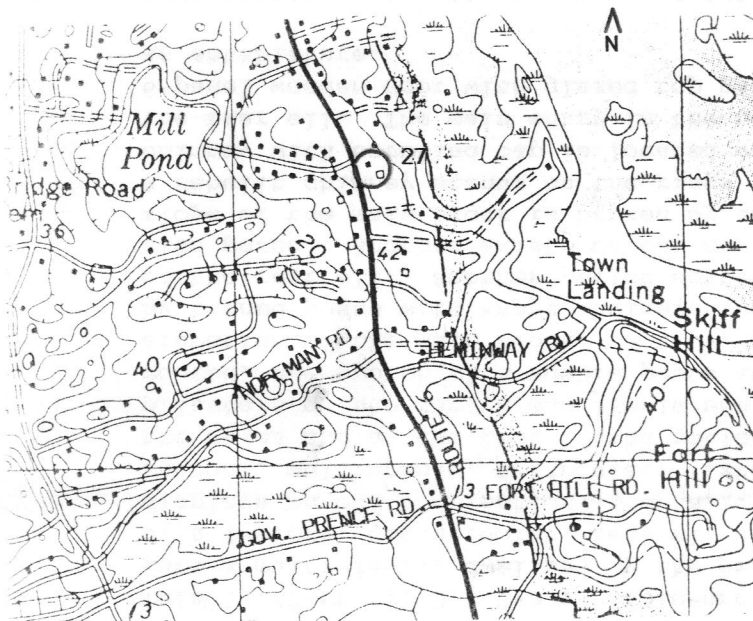
Form

Gable-end, Side-entry  
Vernacular

Builder

Material:

here. Indicate North.



Foundation

Brick

Wall/Trim

Clapboard (Facade and  
South Elevation) Shingle (North

Roof

Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

Major Alterations (with dates)

Solar Sun Room added 1981.

Condition

Good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage

Setting Located in a densely-settled, mixed-use, but largely residential section of Route 6, the major, Cape Cod, inter-community thoroughfare, the former county road and a continuation of the original Old King's Highway.

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## BUILDING FORM

2170 State Highway

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ See continuation sheet.

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

This 1 1/2-story, 3 x 2-bay, gable-end, side-entry house has been modified into a multi-family dwelling by the expansion of the second story and addition of a 1-story, gable-roofed, rear ell with shed-roofed extension. The dwelling displays an odd combination of detail. The facade is noteworthy for its unusual, multi-paned, triangular, fixed windows which occupy the corners at the eaves and at the peak of the gable. Wall detail includes paneled, pilasters on the facade and simple end boards elsewhere. A narrow, shed-roofed, open porch with square posts and no balustrade shelters the southern elevation of the main block. A tiny, pedimented-gable, entry porch supported by turned posts with knobs shelters the cottage doorway in the southern entry of the rear ell. Another period cottage door opens from the rear ell to the side porch. Another exists on the north elevation of the rear ell. The north slope of the main block is broken by an oversized, gable-roofed dormer. A rebuilt chimney stands on the ridge line of the main block. A tall chimney with corbeled cap is located near the ridge on the south slope of the rear ell. The main entry in the north bay of the facade consists of a 6-panel wooden door with glazed top panels sided by pilasters supporting an entablature.

Fenestration primarily consists of 2/2, double-hung sash with molded trim on the first floor and plain trim on the second. An open stair leads to a sliding door entry on the second floor of the main block. A casement window has been installed on the north elevation of the rear ell. A sliding window exists on the east elevation of the rear ell. Louvered blinds are modern replacements.

A free-standing, 1 1/2-story, similarly-detailed, clapboard and shingle, rectangular barn with lateral wing and rear, hip and gable-roofed sections with a screened porch stands southeast of the house. It appears to be largely residential space.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE ☒ See continuation sheet.

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

Research completed in 1878 by Alan T. Hunt, Attorney at Law and in 1991 by Nancy Heller of the Eastham Historical Society on file at the Eastham Historical Society Archives traces ownership of this property to Freeman Dill (b. 1814; d. April 17, 1882) who built this dwelling on land he purchased from Lucy Shaw on November 2, 1842 (Bk. 35; Pg. 91). Freeman Dill is listed in Lowe's history among the sea captains of Eastham. He bequeathed the property to his wife (Docket No. 8192), Elizabeth A. Dill (d. May 26, 1905), daughter of Michael Collins who served in 1815 as an Adjutant of the local militia. In the 1901 directory, she is listed as living in Boston, but residing in Eastham during the summer. She died testate (Docket No. 14455) leaving the

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☐ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places;  
If checked, see attached National Register Criteria Statement form.

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## HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (continued)

holding equally to her children: Pauline C. Bradford, Emma L. Johnson, Lauraetta P. Knowles and Albert F. Dill. The property was conveyed by the heirs to Solomon T. Cobb on September 4, 1905 (Bk. 275; Pg. 24) and November 16, 1906 (Bk.283, Pg. 378).

Solomon Thomas Cobb died intestate on March 10, 1915. His estate was probated and divided between his heirs: Henrietta Cobb, his widow; Etta May Burgess, his daughter, and Frank Lewis Cobb, his son. The children conveyed their interests to their mother the same year (Bk.342; Pg. 375), but inherited on her death on November 26, 1921 (Probate 19706). When they sold on June 24, 1955 to Ralph E. Swift and Sarah Elizabeth Swift, they attached restrictions prohibiting construction of a building for residential or business purposes for a period of 15 years.

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